## What Is Claimed Is:

- 1. A sheathed-element glow plug for an internal combustion engine, comprising a plug housing, a connection part for the electrical current which is situated on the plug housing, as well as a tube having an embedded heating element, the connection area and the heating element being electrically coupled via a terminal pin and a contact element, wherein the terminal pin (5) and the contact element (6)
  - wherein the terminal pin (5) and the contact element (6) are at least partially surrounded within the housing (2) by an electrically insulating plastic sleeve (7).
- The sheathed-element glow plug as recited in Claim 1, wherein the plastic sleeve (7) is a clamping sleeve.
- 3. The sheathed-element glow plug as recited in one of the preceding claims, wherein the contact element (6) has a cylindrical shape and the sheathing is completely surrounded by the plastic sleeve (7).
- 4. The sheathed-element glow plug as recited in one of the preceding claims, wherein the plastic sleeve (7) has elastic properties.
- 5. The sheathed-element glow plug as recited in one of the preceding claims, wherein the plastic sleeve (7) is formed from a plurality of pieces.
- 6. The sheathed-element glow plug as recited in one of the preceding claims, wherein the contact element (6) is elastic.

7. The sheathed-element glow plug as recited in one of the preceding claims,

wherein the contact element (6) is a graphite tablet.